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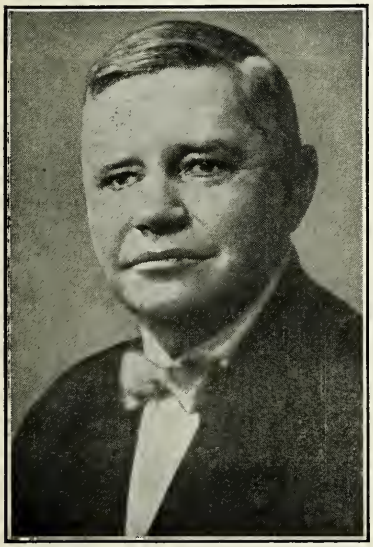
NEW LEADERS IN ISRAEL

AS ANNOUNCED in a late issue of the *Star*, Elder J. Reuben Clark has been chosen and sustained as second counsellor in the First Presidency of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, to fill the vacancy created in December, 1931, by the death of President Charles W. Nibley. Announcement of the new selection was made by President Heber J. Grant, at the One Hundred and Fourth Semi-Annual Conference which convened April 6th, in the Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, Utah.



PRESIDENT J. REUBEN CLARK

President J. Reuben Clark, generally known as Major Clark, as a result of his activity in the World War, was, until three months ago, American Ambassador to Mexico, one of the biggest assignments in the United States Diplomatic corps. The narrative of his life-experiences is as interesting as it is inspiring. Of pioneer parentage, he was born September 1st, 1871, at Grantsville, Utah. Joshua Reuben, his father, saw service as a Union soldier in the American Civil War. His great-grandfather fought in the Revolutionary war, and his mother, Mary Louisa

Woolley, represents that sturdy, frugal type of frontier womanhood. That the determined fighting spirit of his progenitors was transmitted to J. Reuben is abundantly attested. In no particular, however, is it more markedly manifest than in the manner in which he gained an education.

The grade schools of Grantsville and the Latter-day Saint preparatory college provided his elementary training, but not until he had attained the age of 21, did the opportunity come to attend high school. By the time he was 25, however, he had not only completed a regular four-year high school course, but had graduated from the University of Utah with a Bachelor of Science degree. This record is made all the more remarkable when one considers the fact that during the entire period he supported himself, and paid all his expenses by working at odd jobs between school hours.

Upon completion of his college course, he married Luacine A. Savage, daughter of C. R. Savage, Salt Lake's pioneer photographer, and for the next five years engaged in educational work, holding various positions in several Utah schools. In the fall of that year, President Clark resolved to realize a long cherished ambition, that of studying law. Moving to New York City, he entered the law school of the Columbia University. His scholarly career at Columbia attracted the attention of Secretary Elihu H. Root, and upon graduation he was given the position of assistant solicitor in the department of State. This period of his life is full of big achievements. Cases of international importance, involving millions of pounds, and difficult questions of international and civilian nature, were referred to him for expert advice and decision.

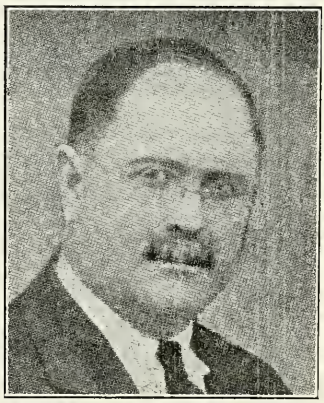
Four years later he was appointed solicitor for the Department of State under Secretary Philander C. Knox, and in that capacity drafted the Treaty of Peace and Commerce with Japan in 1911, and the Knox-Bryce Arbitration Treaties with Great Britain and France. As chief counsel for the American Commission at the Limitation of Armaments Conference in Washington in 1921, he made a masterful fight against the United States entering into any entangling alliances with European nations. Upon the earnest solicitation of the late President Calvin Coolidge, he accepted the position of Under Secretary of State for two years. Previous to this he had served well and faithfully, President Coolidge's friend and class mate, the late Senator Dwight W. Morrow, while Morrow was American Ambassador to Mexico.

Following the resignation of Senator Morrow to accept an appointment as United States Senator from New Jersey, President Clark was placed in charge of American affairs in Mexico City, and in March, 1931, he was officially declared American Ambassador to that country. Modest, reserved and unassuming,

he fulfilled the obligations of his post with honour and success, until his resignation in February of this year. In commenting upon his departure from Mexico, the *El Nacional*, the leading government newspaper, expressed the appreciation of the Mexican people by saying: "Mr. Clark has performed his diplomatic tasks in highly commendable fashion through his dignity, high sense of duty and fairness, discreet diplomatic conduct and sincere effort at understanding. The list of friends of our nation has been enriched by the name of Ambassador Clark."

SAMUEL O. BENNION

TWENTY-NINE consecutive years in the mission field is the record of Elder Samuel O. Bennion, who was sustained at the General Conference in Salt Lake City, on April 6th, 1933, to fill the vacancy in the First Council of Seventy, caused by the death of Elder Joseph W. McMurrin, late president of the California Mission. The best part of a life-time devoted to the diffusion of truth—the history of such a man demands attention and admiration.



SAMUEL O. BENNION

The son of John R. Bennion and Emma Jane Terry, Samuel O. was born June 9th, 1874, at Taylorsville, Utah. Successively receiving the various offices of the Priesthood, together with a fairly good education, he gradually rose by dint of native ability and hard work, to a position of some affluence in the sheep and farming business. In 1898, President Bennion led Charlotte Towler to the marriage altar, and in November, 1904, started on his missionary career. After labouring as a travelling Elder in the Central States Mission for six months, he was chosen to preside over the South Texas Conference. While serving in this capacity, he was selected Secretary of the Central States Mission, and in October, 1906, he was appointed president of the mission.

Under his administration the Central States mission has made great progress. In 1907, the mission headquarters was moved from Kansas City to Independence, Missouri. This act constituted the first effort of the Church to establish a residence in Independence, since the expulsion of the saints from that place in 1833 by a mob. President Bennion has directed the erection of a number of splendid chapels and school buildings in different

parts of the mission. A large printing plant has also been established at Independence, and its operations have been skilfully supervised by President Bennion. Thousands of Latter-day Saints residing within the Central States Mission bear praiseworthy testimonies to the unselfish service of Samuel O. Bennion, whose sacrificial devotion earns him higher recognition in the Church of Christ.

PRIESTHOOD

CLASS LEADERS should assign the twelve-minute talks to the Priesthood members at least one week in advance. Try to impress upon the mind of each member the value of the time allotted them. Every effort should be put forth to make the subject of interest and of value.

First Week. Opening exercises. Local Priesthood activity report. Two twelve-minute talks: First—"Second Principle of the Gospel," references, *Articles of Faith*, pages 109-115. Second—"Third Principle of the Gospel," references, *Articles of Faith*, pages 120-136. Class discussion to follow.

Second Week. Opening exercises. Report of all local Priesthood activities, also testimony bearing if desired. Lesson: *Branch Supervision.* Chapters IX-X, "Branch Finances." Objective: To help us live the Gospel materially.

1. How does co-operation help both the weak and strong?
2. Relate the history of tithing. Of fast offering.
3. When were the auxiliaries started? Why?
4. Do we harm our bodies by abstaining from food for a period of twenty-four hours?
5. Why is it necessary that we have special donations occasionally?
6. Do you think we shall ever be called upon to live the United Order?

Third Week. Opening exercises. Priesthood activity report. Two twelve-minute talks: First—"Mode of Baptism," references, *Articles of Faith*, pages 137-145. Second, "Baptism for the Dead," references, *Articles of Faith*, pages 145-155. The theme should be a subject worthy of a good lively discussion.

Fourth Week. Opening exercises. Report of Priesthood activities. (a) Conditions in the homes visited. (b) The number of administrations for the sick. Lesson: *Branch Supervision.* Chapters XI-XII, "Record Keeping," and "Filing of Reports." Objective: The necessity of a Book of Remembrance.

1. Why are the principles and history of the Gospel often found distorted among both civilized and uncivilized nations?
2. Of what value are the records of ancient people to the present age?
3. Tell of a society or business where much time and money are being spent in preserving records.

4. Why do you attend District Conference every six months?
5. What is the object of these Conferences?

—L. G. R.

RELIEF SOCIETY

First Week. Opening exercises. Preliminary programme. Choose your own numbers. Lesson text: *Theology*—"Little Children, The Sacrament and the Sabbath." Lesson 8. Objective: To show that through revelation the Latter-day Saints have received correct knowledge concerning Baptism, the Sacrament and the Sabbath Day.

Second Week. Opening exercises. Preliminary programme. Have a sister give a brief description of the persecutions suffered by the saints during the early establishment of the Church. Lesson text: *Teachers' Topics*—"The Beatitudes." Lesson 8. Objective: A great blessing is given to those who are persecuted, scorned and reviled for the Gospel's sake, and through it all, remain humble and obedient.

Third Week. Opening exercises. Preliminary programme. Follow the suggestion given in Project No. 6, found on page 12 of your lesson leaflet. Lesson text: *Literature*—The Delight of Great Books. Lesson 8. *Huckleberry Finn*—Mark Twain. Objective: To give a synopsis of the varied life of Mark Twain and of his famous book *Huckleberry Finn*—a vivid picture of human nature.

Fourth Week. Opening exercises. Preliminary programme. A classical musical number. Lesson text: *Social Service—Life Worth Living*—Lesson 8. Centennial Tract No. 8. "Complete Religion." Objective: To show that through revelation the Latter-day Saints have received a correct knowledge pertaining to Baptism, the Sacrament and the Sabbath Day.—RINTHA PRATT DOUGLAS.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

SACRAMENT GEM FOR MAY

PURIFY our hearts, our Saviour,
Let us go not far astray,
That we may be counted worthy
Of Thy Spirit, day by day.

The Concert Recitation should be recited by the Gospel Doctrine Department before the school on the first, third, and fifth Sundays, and by the New Testament Department on the second and fourth Sundays.

GOSPEL DOCTRINE DEPARTMENT

May 7. Concert Recitation. (Mormon 8:26.) "And no one need

say they shall not come, for they surely shall, for the Lord hath spoken it; for of the earth shall they come, by the hand of the Lord, and none can stay it; and it shall come in a day when it shall be said that miracles are done away; and it shall come even as if one should speak from the dead." Lesson 17. "Bringing Forth the Book of Mormon." Objective: To show that the Book of Mormon could not have been brought forth without divine help.

It is an astonishing fact that the Book of Mormon was prepared in a remarkably short time, apparently not exceeding ninety days, including Sundays and the time necessary to receive several revelations and make the journey from Harmony to Fayette, nearly one hundred miles. The book contains 522 pages. An average of nearly six pages was prepared each day, an equivalent of approximately 3,600 words. Suggestions for discussion:

1. In what way was the Prophet's life influenced by his early employment by Mr. Stoal? Suppose that he had not gone to Bainbridge?
2. What was the outcome of Martin Harris' visit to Professor Anthon?
3. In what way is our present Book of Mormon affected by Martin Harris' loss of the one hundred and sixteen pages of manuscript?
4. Why would it be impossible for an uninspired man to produce the Book of Mormon?
5. How many members of your class have read the Book of Mormon in its entirety?

May 14. Mothers' Day.

May 21. Lesson 18. "The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper." Objective: To impress the student with the meaning and sacredness of the Sacrament. Men of all ages since the days of the Saviour have sought to construct a prayer suitable for the Sacrament, and it can be said without fear of successful contradiction, that none have succeeded as well as the youthful prophet, Joseph Smith. Suggestions for discussion:

1. Explain what authority the Latter-day Saints have for substituting water in place of wine.
2. Why is it undesirable that non-members of the Church should partake of the Sacrament?
3. Why should a transgressing member of the Church refrain from partaking of the Sacrament?
4. What blessings follow proper partaking of the Sacrament?

May 28. Lesson 19. "The Beginning of Zion." Objective: To show that God's people must obey His commandments. Although the establishing of Zion at Independence was a temporary failure, the Prophet Joseph was undaunted, and declared that Zion would not be moved out of her place, and that in a little season the saints would return and fulfill the word of God. Although he must have been disappointed, yet his faith in God never wavered. Suggestions for discussion:

1. In what way did the movement to establish Zion characterize Joseph as a great prophet of God?
2. Did the failure of this movement detract in any way from his greatness? Why?
3. What were the outstanding causes for the temporary abandonment of Zion?

NEW TESTAMENT "A" DEPARTMENT

May 7. Concert Recitation. (Matt. 5:6-9.) "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God." Lesson 16. "The Beatitudes." (a) The Meaning of Meekness. Objective: To show the nature of meekness or humility, and how it differs from worldly pride.

May 14. Mothers' Day.

May 21. Lesson 17. "The Beatitudes." (b) The Practical Value of Humility. Objective: To show how humility helps one to develop strong moral and religious character.

May 28. Lesson 18. "The Beatitudes." (c) What it Means to Hunger and Thirst after Righteousness. Objective: To show how desire for righteousness is essential to its attainment, but that this desire must not be for self only.

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT

May 7. Lesson 54. "The Miracles of Elisha." (A Picture Lesson.) It may be well to call the children's attention again to the awakening of life around us. What flowers have they seen in bloom? What trees are in blossom? Miracles are happening every day, under our very windows. A long time ago there was a Prophet called Elisha who assisted the Lord in performing many miracles. Let us look at the pictures which represent some of them and talk a little about some of the others. Then show the pictures of as many of Elisha's miracles as you are able to obtain in your Bible Story Book.

May 14. Mothers' Day.

May 21. Lesson 55. "Having Eyes They Saw Not." Texts: II Kings 6:8-24; Sunday School Lesson, No. 55. Objective: The Lord blesses and protects those who trust in Him.

May 28. Lesson 56. "Jonah Disobeys." Texts: Jonah 1. Sunday School Lesson, No. 56. Objective: Disobedience is followed by punishment, sooner or later.—*The Instructor.*

It is suggested that two and one-half minute talks be based upon the following topics: "Why Should We Love Our Neighbours," and "How a Testimony May Be Preserved."

For singing practice during the month of May the following songs are suggested: "Jesus, Mighty King in Zion," and "Think Gently of the Erring One."—L. T. N.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 1933

EDITORIAL

OUR NEW GENERAL AUTHORITIES

THE selections, at the recent General Conference of the Church, of Elders J. Reuben Clark and Samuel O. Bennion to fill, respectively, vacancies in the First Presidency and the First Council of Seventy, will meet with the heartfelt approval of all who know these brethren. The future will show the wisdom, as also the divine inspiration, of these appointments.

Elder J. Renben Clark, whose life-story is briefly set forth elsewhere in this issue, has had unusually wide experience with men and affairs, and possesses an intelligent, undeviating devotion to the latter-day cause of the Lord. He is fearless, forceful and unyielding in his defense of eternal Gospel truth. As second counsellor in the First Presidency he will uphold the hands of the other two mighty men in the First Council of the Church—Heber J. Grant, the Prophet and President, and Anthony W. Ivins, the First Counsellor. The Latter-day Saints may justly look with grateful pride and satisfaction upon the First Presidency as now constituted.

Elder Samuel O. Bennion has had, as briefly sketched in this issue, a lifetime of preparation for his new work as one of the seven men constituting the First Council of Seventy. The seventy are called to the proselyting office of the Church. Elder Bennion has spent upwards of three decades in the mission field as a most successful missionary and mission president. At the same time, in his private affairs and in the management, for the Church, of Zions Printing and Publishing company, he has kept in close touch with the so-called practical affairs of humanity. He has proved his love for the Gospel by his willingness to make any personal sacrifice for the establishment of the truth of the plan of salvation in the hearts of men. He will stand shoulder to shoulder with the other members, strong men, of the First Council of Seventy.

The three first councils of the Church—the First Presidency, the Council of Twelve, and the First Council of Seventy—are now complete, according to divine mandate.

During the century since the organization of the Church there has never been a shortage of able and willing men, capable of filling the responsible positions of leadership in the Church. This seems the more remarkable, to the outsider, because there is no training for leadership in the Church, except through the usual

activities of the Church, in its quorums and organizations. Yet, there is always a surplus of suitable material for every vacancy that may appear. This is only to be expected in a self-governing Church, every sincere member of which stands upon his own individual testimony of the truth of the Gospel and takes active part in the labours of the Church. Individual growth, understanding and power are the necessary results. There will always be ample, adequate leadership to carry on the work of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Let it be remembered, however, that the historical fact that the Church, during its existence, has had, continuously, notable great leaders, stands as one of the many evidences for the truth of the Gospel restored through the instrumentality of Joseph Smith, the Prophet.

The *Millennial Star* extends congratulations and hearty welcome to the new general officers of the Church.—W.

RELIGIOUS TOLERANCE GROWING

It is refreshing at times to see the attitude of municipal bodies towards the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. It was only a short time ago that application was refused by the Scunthorpe city council to permit a baptismal service in the public baths. The voting was very close, after an animated discussion had been engaged in by the councilmen, during which some kind things were said about the exemplary conduct of the members of the Church residing in and around Scunthorpe, who were termed model citizens. However, there were not enough friendly councilmen to grant the use of the baths.

In Grimsby recently our Elders made application of the town council to hold services there under the covered market. A majority of the council tried to sidetrack the application by allowing it to lie on the table. At the next meeting, however, it was taken from the table, because one of the papers in the meantime had insisted that the council face the issue squarely and settle the matter on its merits. The application was thereupon referred to the Market committee, who reported it back with a recommendation that it be not granted. We will let the paper tell the rest of the story:

Councillor Bloom asked what was the reason for this refusal. Was it because the time was not opportune?

Councillor Smith: The answer is we did not think it was desirable.

Councillor Bloom then moved the reference back of the recommendation. He said he felt that this small body of people, no matter who they were, and no matter what their belief was, so long as it was not against the law, should be allowed a hearing. In Grimsby every sect and every creed, and almost every shade of political opinion could at most times,

at any rate, hold meeting in public, and inform the public of their belief, and he felt that this body of Latter-day Saints should have the same opportunity. During the last few years he had come across residents in Grimsby who had seen fit to adopt this particular faith, and they were living quite respectable, contented lives, respected by their neighbours and all who came in contact with them.

Councillor Atkinson seconded the reference back, and in supporting it Councillor Marklew said he believed in the fullest possible publicity being given to the views of others. He did not think there was the slightest ground for believing that these "Mormon" people would resort to anything indecent or disorderly.

Councillor Smith reiterated that the reason for the Committee's decision was that they did not think it desirable, and, Councillor Lancaster asked why. Last year, said the latter, they granted another religious denomination the same privilege. He did not know that the Latter-day Saints were worse than anybody else.

The application was finally granted, by 19 votes to 12.

MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

SLOGAN: "We stand for the Enrichment of Life Through Constructive Use of Leisure and Personal Service to Fellow Man."

First Night. Opening exercises. Slogan talk: "The Coming of Spring." Lesson: Chapter 31. "Man and Nature." Objective: That we may understand more fully the nature of life.

1. Does the Holy Spirit dwell in every living thing?
2. If all things are eternal, what will be the status of animals after death?
3. In what sense may we say that the Book of Nature is a revelation of God?
4. Are the laws which God uses to bring about His purposes the same as the laws of nature?

Second Night. Opening exercises. Slogan talk: "Public Service to Aid Nature Beautify our City." Lesson: Chapter 32. "The Sound Body." Objective: Mutual development of the mind and body.

1. What are the negative teachings of the Word of Wisdom?
2. Why should a system of theology concern itself with the welfare of the body?
3. What are the compositions of food?
4. Which foods are acid-forming?

Third Night. Opening exercises. Select a Bee-Hive Girl to give a talk on the beauty of nature. Reference, Bee-Hive section of the *Star*, April 20th. Objective: To be more observant of the laws of nature which surround us. Lesson: Chapter 33. "Education for the Inner Life."

1. Which senses of man are the most reliable?

2. What is the relative importance of observation and reason?
3. How many people in the world are original thinkers?
4. Explain how a person may enlarge his capacity to think?
5. How do we learn without the use of the five senses?

Fourth Night. Opening exercises. Gleaner Girls should sing a chorus. Lesson: Chapter 34. "Satisfaction With Daily Work." Objective: The mission of earth-life.

1. Will a man ever reach the realms of perfection?
2. Why is man never satisfied with himself?
3. How may power, wealth and fame be used for the human happiness?
4. Is every type of work that man is called to do honourable?
5. Do you enjoy the particular work you are now engaged in?

L. G. R. and I. A. W.

LIVERPOOL DISTRICT CONFERENCE

THOSE who attended the annual spring conference of the Liverpool District at Wigan, March 26th, were greeted by exceptionally fine weather. The excellence of the weather seemed to be a herald for the quality of the proceedings during the entire day. President Clarence R. Ellsworth welcomed all in attendance. Very commendable talks were given on "'Mormonism's' Contribution to World Peace," and "Obedience to the Commandments of God as a Means to Prosperity," by Sister Dolly Leak and Brother Horace Heyes, respectively. The Priesthood and Relief Society then separated for class work under the direction of the visiting mission authorities.

Elder F. Vernon Rawson read the district historical report for the past six months in the afternoon session. Among other things the report indicated: 724 hours spent in tracting from door to door; 26 copies of the Book of Mormon, 550 pamphlets and 26 miscellaneous Church works distributed, and 504 meetings attended. Three baptismal services have been held at which 11 persons were baptized and confirmed members of the Church. Brother Walter Thompson and Norman H. Rickard gave timely advice on how joy could be attained and maintained by obedience to the Gospel.

At the beginning of the evening session, Sister Douglas bore a humble testimony to the truth of the Church of Jesus Christ. President Douglas very tactfully explained methods by which economic independence could be won by living the philosophy comprehended by "Mormonism." Patriarch Wallis presented striking evidence that the "last days" spoken of in the Holy Scriptures were near at hand, and advised the people to plan their lives so that they would have no fear of the future.

The conference was directed by President James H. Douglas of the British Mission, and the Auxiliary meetings and their ac-

tivities by Sister Rintha Pratt Douglas, consulting supervisor of the auxiliaries and president of the Relief Society of the British Mission. There were in attendance also, Patriarch James H. Wallis and Elder Elmo H. Ellsworth of the European Mission Office; Elder John B. Stagg of the British Mission Office; President Clarence R. Ellsworth and Elders F. Vernon Rawson, Eugene A. Hooper, William R. Houston and Kent S. Bramwell of the Liverpool District; Elder W. Burke Jones of the Nottingham District (released), and Alma J. Larkin of the Manchester District.

F. VERNON RAWSON, Clerk of Conference.

HULL DISTRICT CONFERENCE

THE Spirit of the Lord was truly manifest at all three sessions of the Hull District conference, held in Grimsby, April 2nd. The theme for the day was, "The Restoration of the Gospel."

After the preliminary exercises in the morning meeting, those in attendance separated to the Priesthood and Relief Society classes, where valuable instructions were given by the Mission Authorities. In the Priesthood meeting, there were three advancements in the Priesthood, two to the office of Elder and one to the office of Priest.

In the afternoon meeting, the General Authorities of the Church, Mission and District were unanimously sustained in their various offices and callings. In his report of the district, President Elmo H. Lund stated that all the branches of the district were fully organized. He also reported that in the past six months: "6,550 hours of missionary work had been accomplished by the travelling Elders of the district. Tracting from door to door had occupied 571 hours, and 13 copies of the Book of Mormon and 170 other books and pamphlets had been distributed. Every member of the Hull District can be accounted for." Local Elders Robert H. Summers, Sr., and Lionel Dannatt, each gave excellent talks appropriate to the theme of the occasion. Elder William Murdock, Jr., and Elder Leonard N. Giles also spoke.

The evening meeting was especially outstanding. The hall was crowded by members and friends, who had gathered to hear the word of the Lord explained and expounded by the visiting officers. Sister Douglas testified to the integrity of the early leaders of the Church and told of the hardships endured by them. Patriarch Wallis told of his pleasure at being able to come to his native land and declare the Restoration of the Gospel. He pointed out the reason why we were a "peculiar people," saying that it was because of the doctrines of the Church. He explained the perilous nature of the times and emphasized that the Gospel was a solution for the present problems confronting humanity.

President James H. Douglas declared that the Gospel of Jesus Christ was the plan that man must follow in order to reach perfection. He marshalled the many evidences which prove that the Book of Mormon was indeed the word of God—that it was true—and advised all to read and study its doctrines and teachings. Appropriate musical numbers were rendered throughout the day.

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W. Fletcher Llewellyn, Clerk of Conference.

CHURCH-WIDE NEWS

A 4,000 membership increase has been recorded by the Aaronic Priesthood of the Church for the year 1932, according to the tabulations of the Presiding Bishopric's Office. The total membership ending December 31st, 1922, was 74,271, as compared with a total of 70,101 for last year.

President Rudger Clawson of the Council of the Twelve, and his wife, Lydia Spencer Clawson, celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary March 29th, with a reception at their home in Salt Lake City. President Clawson is 76 years old, and his wife is 71, and both are enjoying excellent health. They are the parents of nine children, five of whom are living, and they have nine grandchildren.

Susa Young Gates, daughter of Brigham Young, and co-author of the well-known biography of her father, celebrated her seventy-seventh birthday anniversary, March 18th. A programme of music featuring members of her family was held in her birthplace, the historic Lion House, in Salt Lake City. Sister Gates is the mother of Sister Leah D. Widtsoe, president of the European Mission Relief Society, and collaborator of the Brigham Young biography.

Even though larger and more extensive organs have been built in recent years, the Salt Lake Tabernacle organ is still world-famous and unique for its tonal qualities and historic background, according to the statement of B. G. Austin of the Austin Organ Company, Hartford, Connecticut. The noted organ expert, whose company reconditioned and rebuilt the Tabernacle instrument in 1930, said his firm receives innumerable compliments on its excellence from all parts of the world.

FROM THE MISSION FIELD

Appointment: Elder William Murdock, Jr., was appointed president of the Hull District on April 10th, succeeding Elder Elmo H. Lund.

Transfers: On April 5th, Elder Robert H. Booth was transferred from the Newcastle to the Welsh District. On April 6th, Elder William DeHart was transferred from the Ulster to the Newcastle District, and Elder John D. Owens from the Ulster to the Newcastle District. Elder Hugh D. Higgins was transferred from the Welsh District to the British Mission Office on April 12th.

Releases and Departures: Elder W. Burke Jones of the Liverpool, Bristol and Nottingham Districts was honourably released March 27th, and sailed for his home in America aboard s.s. *President Harding*, April 27th.

The following missionaries have been honourably released from their labours in the British Mission to return to their respective homes in the United States: Elder John S. Russell of the London and Scottish Districts, released February 1st, and sailed May 4th, on the s.s. *Manhattan*; Elder Robert L. Bridge of the Hull and president of the Birmingham Districts, released March 30th, and sailed April 13th, on the s.s. *President Roosevelt*; Elder Osborne M. Vance of the Nottingham, Welsh and Sheffield Districts, released March 30th, and sailed April 13th, on the s.s. *President Roosevelt*; Elder F. Vernon Rawson of the Norwich, Nottingham and Liverpool Districts, released April 4th, and sailed April 6th, on the s.s. *Manhattan*; and Elder and Sister Hyrum Hand of the Sheffield District, released April 15th, and sailed April 19th, on the s.s. *Europa*.

Doings in the Districts: *Leeds*—With a popular Leeds dance orchestra to furnish the music, the district Gold and Green Ball, held in the Central hall at Clayton, proved a complete success. Prizes were distributed to the most agile dancers.

Liverpool—At a baptismal service held April 1st, in "Durham House," Liverpool, two persons were baptized by local Elder Edward G. Patey. They were confirmed members of the Church shortly afterwards.

Manchester—Five candidates were baptized by President B. Fred Pulham at a service held April 1st, in the Manchester chapel. Confirmation took place the same day.

Norwich—A well-arranged programme was presented April 6th, by the Lowestoft Branch Relief Society in the branch chapel. Refreshments were served to a large group of members and friends.

Nottingham—Derby Branch M. I. A. sponsored a delightful dance on April 6th, at which a large crowd attended. Tasty "snacks" were served during the intermission.

Portsmouth—One person was baptized April 5th, by Elder Bartlett L. Christensen, in the sea at Brighton, followed by confirmation.

Brighton Branch paid tribute to Sister Doris Hannah, who is emigrating to Canada, at a farewell social held April 10th, in her honour. She has been a loyal and diligent worker in the branch.

Sheffield—Over eighty friends of Brother and Sister Hyrum Hand honoured them with a farewell social Saturday evening, April 15th, prior to their departure for their home in America.

Members and friends of the Barnsley and Sheffield Branches enjoyed an Easter outing on April 17th, the principal event of the day being a football game between the brethren of each branch. Sheffield branch was victorious by four points.

Branch Conferences: Of the Barnsley Branch, Sheffield District, April 9th. Branch and District authorities effectively presented the Gospel message in two well-attended sessions.

Of the Mansfield Branch, Nottingham District, April 2nd. The Thirteenth Article of Faith provided the subject of several inspirational addresses.

Of the Hull Branch, Hull District, March 26th. A splendidly arranged programme developed the theme, "True to the Faith," at both the morning and evening meetings.

Of the Preston Branch, Liverpool District, April 2nd. The discourses of the day dwelt on ways and means of magnifying the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Of the Liverpool Branch, Liverpool District, April 9th. The Sunday School children discussed the theme, "Signs of the Times," in a very commendable manner during the morning. The same subject was capably treated by local brethren in the evening Sacrament service.

Of the Rochdale Branch, Manchester District, April 2nd. The Sunday School took charge of the programme in the afternoon, and at the evening session local officers of the various auxiliaries spoke.

Of the Manchester Branch, Manchester District, April 9th. The afternoon service featured a very interesting programme sponsored by the Sunday School members, while local brethren were the chief speakers at the evening gathering.

Of the Watford and St. Albans Branches, London District, March 26th. "Man Is That He Might Have Joy," was discussed in a very instructive manner by the local members.

Of the Holloway Branch, London District, April 2nd. Short talks by the Sunday School members on the "Life of Christ" constituted an enjoyable morning programme. The evening service was marked by several very beautiful and stirring testimonies.

Of the West London Branch, London District, April 9th. "Salvation For the Dead" was explained by four of the local members, each speaking upon a phase of the subject.

Of the Halifax Branch, Leeds District, April 9th. Local members occupied the time at both meetings in explaining "The Atonement of Christ."

Of the Leeds Branch, Leeds District, April 16th. Interesting talks were given, illustrating the need of continual revelation in order to progress.

Of the Yarmouth Branch, Norwich District, April 16th. Sunday School children presented "The Fourth Article of Faith" by means of short talks, songs and scriptural recitations.

Of the Accrington Branch, Liverpool District, April 16th. Special

Easter songs and poems added interest to the topic, "Fall, Atonement and Resurrection."

Of the Rawmarsh Branch, Sheffield District, April 16th. The appropriate theme of the "Resurrection" was portrayed throughout the day.

Of the Barnsley Branch, Sheffield District, April 9th. Local Priesthood members effectively expounded upon the practical aspects of the Gospel.

THE LIFE THAT COUNTS

THE life that counts must toil and fight;
Must hate the wrong and love the right;
Must stand for truth, by day, by night—
This is the life that counts.

The life that counts must hopeful be;
In darkest night make melody;
Must wait the dawn on bended knee—
This is the life that counts.

The life that counts must aim to rise
Above the earth to sunlit skies;
Must fix its gaze on Paradise—
This is the life that counts.

The life that counts must helpful be;
The cares and needs of others see;
Must seek the slaves of sin to free—
This is the life that counts.

The life that counts is linked with God;
And turns not from the cross—the rod;
But walks with joy where Jesus trod—
This is the life that counts.

A. W. S.

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